UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Memorandum

TO : Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, FBI

DATE: May 27, 1968

FROM : Ramsey Clark
Attorney General

SUBJECT:

I am deeply troubled by the Drew Pearson-Jack Anderson column in the Washington Post on May 24th. Copies of the full column and the portion run in the Post are attached.

A number of allegations made therein are beyond my knowledge of the fact. Several I know to be untrue. However, there are a number which are true and must come from secret documents, the contents of which are known or need be known to only a very few people in the office of the Director of the FBI and in the Office of the Attorney General. That these facts should become known outside of these offices and appear in the public press evidences either a lack of integrity in our system or in the personnel employed at some relevant time in these offices. Neither failure is permissible.

If you have any information as to how these facts were disseminated outside of these offices, or any theory as to how they may have been, please advise me. If not, please undertake whatever investigation you deem feasible to determine how this happened. In addition, I would like your suggestions as to any reform in the system of handling such sensitive information as may be necessary to prevent such a breach of integrity from happening again.

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